

Activities Schedule March 2016 RED ROCK STATE PARK

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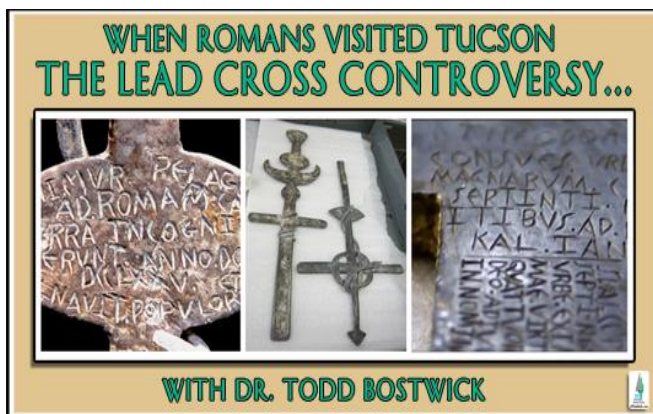
March is here and the weather has been simply amazing! This month we have many outstanding events for you all to attend... We are featuring two wonderful Sunday Lectures – the first Dr. Todd Bostwick, and the other given by Carrie Cannon. Then Jess Kalu will be giving a heartfelt flute performance and Cathy Stedman will be teaching watercolor painting. And we are adding more and more Sunday specialty hikes. The newest addition will be an interesting and educational guided hike put together and offered by Jim Charest on Botany of the local Sedona area. Please take a look below and come out for any of these outstanding events. And as always please share this information with anyone who would be interested. Thanks and – *See you at the park!!!*

March Events:

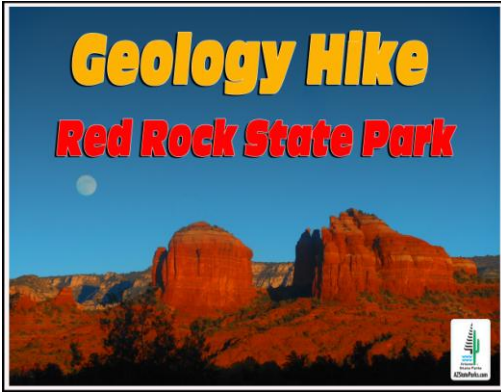
Sunday Lecture Series: When Romans Visited Tucson - The Lead Cross Controversy, with Dr. Todd Bostwick March 6th at 2:00 P.M.

In 1924-1925, a collection of unusual lead artifacts, which contained mysterious inscriptions, were discovered deeply buried near Silverbell Road in Tucson. These artifacts - crosses, crescents, batons, swords, and spears generated considerable interest around the world when it was learned that the inscriptions contained Christian, Muslim, Hebraic, and Freemasonry symbols. The artifacts were initially interpreted as evidence that Europeans had come to America hundreds of years before Columbus, but some scholars questioned their authenticity. This talk tells the story of their discovery and the controversies that

continue to surround them. Dr. Todd Bostwick has conducted archaeological research in the Southwest for 36 years and is currently the Director of Archaeology at the Verde Valley Archaeology Center. Seating is limited so call ahead to reserve your seat (928) 282-6907. The program is included with the park admission fee. Sponsored by Arizona Humanities a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Geology Hike, Sunday March 13th starting at 1:00 P.M.



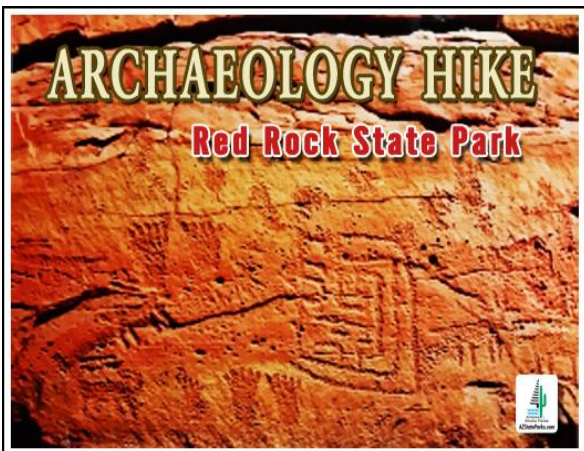
Red Rock State Park is located at the base of the Mogollon Rim, the southern edge of the Colorado Plateau. The escarpment is over 200 miles long and ranges in elevation from 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Over millions of years of erosion the rim has receded over four miles leaving behind the picturesque features of Sedona. Join our knowledgeable volunteers as they venture out on our trails and discuss how Sedona transformed into what we see today. This is an interpretive experience for both the beginner and experienced hiker, lasting between 2-2 ½ hours and an elevation gain of 250 feet. Please bring water and wear suitable footwear. Hikes are included with park entrance fees.

Native American Flute Performance - Heartfelt Presentation-Echoes of Silence
Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 P.M.

Red Rock State Park is proud to host internationally recognized native flute player Jesse Kalu. Jesse's intimate performance including questions and answers will last approximately 1 hour. This Heartfelt Presentation includes a unique mixture of bamboo flutes, poetry, story, and nature voices. Jesse's presentations touch his audiences in unique ways. Each of his flutes has their own name and song. Emanating through his handcrafted flutes are the wildlife calls of doves, quails, loons, hawk, owl, seagulls, dolphins, whales, coyotes, wolf, elk and more. Jesse Kalu has been sharing his music throughout the world since 1994. Seating is limited so call ahead to reserve your spot at (928) 282-6907. The reservation fee for this performance is \$5.00 per person in addition to the Park's regular admission fee of: \$7.00 per adult (14 and up), \$4.00 per youth (7-13).



Archaeology Hike, Sunday March 20th, starting at 1:00 P.M.



Red Rock State Park has been a destination for Native Americans for several millennia. Most of the ancient features found in the park are from the Sinagua culture dating about 1100 to 1425 AD. Come and hear the fascinating story of the pre-Columbian people who lived and traveled in the park! The hike will identify the various archaeological features and interpret them into the wider context of important regional Sinagua sites. And we will explore ideas of other cultures that may likely have made use of the park's resources. The hike will last about two hours, with an elevation gain of some 250 feet, along easy trails. Please bring water and wear suitable footwear. Hikes are included with park entrance fees.

Sunday Lecture: Plants Inspiring the People – Reflections on Hualapai Ethno Botany of the Grand Canyon. March 20th at 2:00 PM

Red Rock State Park is proud to present speaker Carrie Cannon. Carrie has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology, an M.S. in Resource Management and is of Lakota descent. She currently works for the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources. The information presented will examine the crucial role plant resource acquisition has played in Hualapai culture; knowledge that has been fine-tuned and perfected over millennia. This lecture is included with your entrance fee. Seating is limited so call ahead to reserve your seat 928-282-6907. Sponsored by Arizona Humanities a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



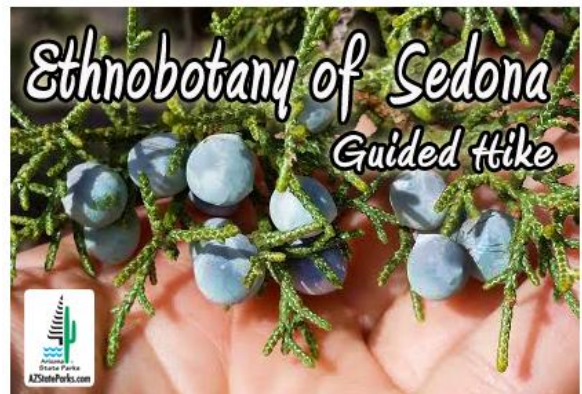
Watercolor Workshop: Spring Flowers, Saturday March 26th at 10:00 A.M.



Are you interested in learning some basic tricks to watercolor painting? Red Rock State Park will be hosting Cathy Stedman for our ongoing series on the basics of watercolor painting. This will be an introductory to intermediate class. The series will cover the basics of watercolor painting-providing instruction and techniques with a theme each month. Our February theme will be Spring Flowers. Cathy Stedman, a Sedona local, has been teaching watercolor since 1997. She has studied with several well-known artists including Frank Web, John Salminen, and Gretchen Lopez. This workshop will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in our Hummingbird Room. Space is limited to 12 participants, so call ahead to reserve your spot. The workshop reservation fee is \$50.00, which includes park admission, instruction, and all supplies or \$40.00 with your own supplies. Please bring your own lunch. For additional information and reservations, please call Red Rock State Park at (928) 282-6907.

Ethno Botany Hike, March 27th at 1:00 P.M.

Learning more about the native plants and trees here in the Sedona area is a great way to enhance any hike! Join Jim Charest as he explains how plants were used for various reasons by local indigenous cultures and by people in our contemporary times. This interpretive experience is for both the beginner and experienced hiker, lasting between 2-2 ½ hours with an elevation gain of 250 feet. The hike is included with your entrance fee. Please bring water and wear suitable footwear.

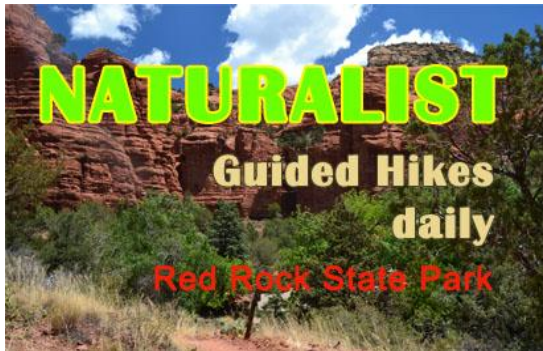


Wednesday and Saturday Bird Walks, 8:00 A.M.

Bird walks begin at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Please meet up with the leader on the viewing deck above the visitor center. Bird enthusiasts join a naturalist for a guided walk appropriate for beginner and advanced birders. Please bring your own binoculars. If birding on your own, the Hummingbird Patio is an excellent spot to start your tour. Another good viewing point is the Visitor Center roof. Most year-round birds are found in the riparian area next to Oak Creek or along the field behind the Visitor Center. The Audubon Society has designated Red Rock State Park as an Important Birding Area (IBA) because of the many species that live or visit here. (Yearly Bird Hike Times: 9:00 A.M. Dec. Jan. Feb., 8:00 A.M. Mar. Apr. May Sept. Oct. Nov., 7:00 A.M. Jun. July Aug.)



Daily Guided Nature Walks, 10:00 A.M.



At 10:00 A.M. from a volunteer naturalist leads a guided nature walk informing visitors about the different life zones of Red Rock State Park. The subjects discussed on this walk include geology, wildlife, history, archeology, and plant life. The naturalists welcome questions during the walk, enhancing the learning experience. (Yearly Guided Hike Times: 10:00 A.M. Sep. through May, 9:00 A.M. June through August)

"This walk is one of the best ways to learn about the Sedona landscape and have fun doing it!!!"

Picnic Areas and Shelters

Several covered ramadas and picnic tables are available to reserve throughout the park. The ramadas feature charcoal barbecue grills, picnic tables, electrical outlets, water and nearby restrooms. To inquire about reserving a ramada for groups, please call **928-282-6907**. These areas are also available for daily visitors.

Red Rock State Park is a "pack in-pack out" facility and does not provide trash receptacles. Please remember to "pack out" your trash with you to help us protect the environment and wildlife.



Junior Rangers

A Junior Ranger program is available for children between the ages of six and twelve. Junior Rangers pledge their part in helping preserve the beauty of the park for everyone! Junior Ranger booklets, available at the Visitor Center, have activities to complete and, once approved by a Ranger, the newest Junior Ranger at Red Rock State Park is sworn in after taking the pledge and receiving a Junior Ranger button.

Hike on Your Own!

The family-oriented trail system is well marked for safety and enjoyment if you prefer to explore on your own. Five miles of trails have interconnecting loops leading to red rock vistas or along the lush greenery of Oak Creek. The three major loops are connected along the riparian corridor by the Kisva Trail, which also leads to the short loop of the Yavapai Ridge Trail. The Javelina Trail takes you into the pinion/juniper woodlands and back to the other loops. Detailed information is available at the Visitor Center. Bikes and horses are allowed on designated routes, these are limited.

Visitor Center and Theater

The Park Visitor Center features many displays about the area's geology, archaeology, flora and fauna, including an interactive relief map of Sedona and computer programs about various park features, such as the House of Apache Fires. The popular video, "*The Natural Wonders of Sedona*", narrated by local voice-over artist John Conway, is shown several times daily in the Park Theater. The video features aerial explorations of ancient Indian ruins and dramatic landscapes, colorful desert wildflowers, and local wildlife.

Also playing in the theatre is the documentary "*Loved To Death*" produced by the Oak Creek Watershed Council and funded by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The film covers the wonderful efforts of the Oak Creek Ambassadors Program to educate the general public about the extreme environmental importance of our natural waterways and their heartfelt efforts to keep Oak Creek clean.

Join us here at Red Rock S.P. any time of year for your next adventure! Whether you're attending a planned event or hiking on your own, you'll enjoy our trails and facilities, making for a great day with the family or a bit of solitude for yourself.

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